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Baltimore Immigration Judge Participates in Naturalization Ceremony

BALTIMORE -- Immigration Judge David W. Crosland from the Executive Office for Immigration Review, Baltimore Immigration Court, delivered the keynote speech and administered the oath of allegiance to approximately 75 candidates during a naturalization ceremony at the George H. Fallon Federal Building in Baltimore, Md., on June 6, 2012. The Baltimore District Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, hosted the ceremony.

Biographical Information

Attorney General Janet Reno appointed Judge Crosland in May 1997. Judge Crosland received a bachelor of science degree in 1959 from Auburn University and a juris doctorate in 1966 from the University of Alabama. From April 2008 to July 2008, he served as a temporary board member with the Board of Immigration Appeals in Falls Church, Va. From October 2006 to April 2008, he served as assistant chief immigration judge (ACIJ) in Miami. From June 2000 to October 2006, Judge Crosland served as an ACIJ in the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge in Falls Church, Va. From May 1997 to June 2000, he worked as an immigration judge at the immigration court in Otay Mesa, Calif. From 1981 to 1987, Judge Crosland practiced immigration law in Washington, D.C., as a partner with the law firms of Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver and Crosland, Strand, Freeman & Mayock. From 1977 to 1981, he served as general counsel and acting commissioner for the former Immigration and Naturalization Service. From 1990 to 1997, he worked as an adjunct professor of law at George Washington School of Law and in 1997 at the District of Columbia School of Law. Judge Crosland is a member of the Alabama State Bar, the District of Columbia Bar, and the State Bar of Georgia.

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— whom the Department of Homeland Security charges with violating immigration law — should be ordered removed from the United States or should be granted relief from removal and be permitted to remain in this country. The Board of Immigration Appeals primarily reviews appeals of decisions by immigration judges. EOIR's Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all of the cases it adjudicates.